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Democratic Primary Election Called For April 11

COMMISSION FORM WINS

Clovis Votes to Change Her Form of Government by Vote of 484 to 343.

Clovis voted Tuesday to adopt the Commission form of Government by a majority of 141 the vote being 484 for the new plan with 343 votes against it. Every ward in the city went for the proposition, however it was very close in ward No. 4. A full vote was not polled, however a fairly representative vote among the men was registered. A noticeable fact was that very few women came to the polls.

Following is the vote by wards:

| | For | Ag't. | Maj'ty. |
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| No. 1. | 143 | 88 | 55 |
| No. 2. | 159 | 120 | 39 |
| No. 3. | 121 | 79 | 42 |
| No. 4. | 61 | 56 | 5 |
| Total | 484 | 343 | 141 |

The vote will be canvassed by the city council at its meeting next Monday night and at this time in all probability an election will be called to select the three commissioners to govern the city. The council may call the election at any time from thirty to ninety days.

Will Divide City.

The council also must divide the city into three commissioners' precincts and this will in all probability be done when an election date is set. One commissioner must be selected from each one of these districts but they will be voted on at large by the voters of the city.

Since the majority of the voters have registered for the new form of government there has been much talk as to who will be candidates but nothing definite in the way of candidates can be intelligently discussed before the council districts the city, however citizens who voted both for and against the measure are outspoken in their determination that good, competent men should be chosen for the positions.

Christmas Cheer Extended to All

Those who visited the headquarters of the Salvation Army Christmas Eve had the pleasure of seeing visible results of the good work that was done among the needy during the holidays. Numerous boxes containing dressed chickens and good things to eat, including remembrances in the way of candy and fruit for the children, were in evidence. Capt. Pylant of the Salvation Army says that as far as came to their knowledge every needy family in Clovis was provided with a Christmas box. The Elks Lodge co-operated with the Army in furnishing quite a bit of the contents of the packages and assisted in the distribution. In addition to this, Capt. Pylant went to the country and all the chickens were donated by the farmers, as well as many contributions from merchants and individuals of Clovis.

Christmas Tree Monday Night.

Monday night there was a Christmas program and Christmas tree at the Salvation Army headquarters in the McClelland building. This was attended by a large crowd and more than 100 packages of fruit and candy were given to the kiddies. The next day numerous toys that were donated were distributed.

Coal Distributed

Following their usual custom in Clovis the Elks delivered a number of loads of coal to the needy families of the city.

MASONIC LECTURER HERE.

Frederick H. Hatch of Pueblo, Colo., delivered a lecture to Masons at the Masonic Hall Wednesday. Dr. Hatch is delivering a series of lectures to the Masonic lodges of the state.

KIWANIS MAKES PLANS FOR INTERESTING MEETINGS

Most of the time at the Kiwanis Club this week was devoted to business, the President, C. W. Harrison, announcing a number of committees. Mr. Harrison announced that next week's program would be carried out by the members whose names begin with A and with B. A number of plans were announced that should prove of interest at the club.

Dr. Frederic H. Hatch of Pueblo, Colo., was a guest of the club and made an address that was appreciated.

FARM HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE ON DEC. 26th

J. W. Cook, who lives eight miles south of Texico, lost his house and all the contents by fire on the night of December 26th. Mr. Cook and all his family were away from home when the fire started.

Clovis May Get Another Railroad

The Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce is backing a proposition to promote a railroad running west from that city to the plains country. This road has long been needed and indications are that it will be built. There are two interests pulling for the plain destination of the road—Plainview and Lubbock. Should the road go to Lubbock it would likely be eventually extended to Roswell. Should it go to Plainview, Clovis would in all probability be its New Mexico terminus. Hereford is behind a proposition to have the road run by there, thence west by way of Grady and to the coal fields.

Clovis Chamber of Commerce has been invited to participate in a meeting to be held at Ralls on Dec. 30th and also one to be held at Plainview on Jan. 3. The one at Ralls is backed by the Lubbock interests, while those interested in seeing the road go to Plainview are behind the meeting at that town.

The Chamber of Commerce will have a meeting Friday morning to discuss the advisability of sending a delegation to the Plainview meeting and co-operating toward getting the road to come to that city, for it is felt almost certain that should the road come to Plainview its ultimate terminus would be Clovis. With another railroad Clovis would soon be the first town in New Mexico in size and importance.

COMPLAIN AT VALUATION.

The State Tax Commission has threatened to raise the values of Curry County farm lands to \$25.00 to \$40.00 per acre on the ground that they produce as much as irrigated lands assessed at these rates. This would spell ruin to the farmers of Curry County. In all probability the Curry County Farm Bureau and the Clovis Chamber of Commerce will send a delegation to Santa Fe to meet with the Tax Commission and show them just what the farmers of Curry County have realized from their crops this year after selling them at the present market prices.

EARL TEMPLE GOT DENHOF DIAMOND RING

Earl Temple, who lives on Route A, was awarded the fine \$150 diamond ring given away by Denhof Jewelry Co. on the evening of December 24th.

FIRE ON HAGERMAN STREET.

The building occupied by Todd's blacksmith shop and A. A. Hawkins Roofing Company on Hagerman St. was badly damaged by fire at three o'clock Tuesday morning. The building and contents were partly covered by insurance.

Tax assessing in Curry County will begin immediately after the first of the month. The assessor and six deputies plan to complete the work during the month of January.

Some Good Advice



How To Divide City Is Question

There is some speculation now since commission government has been voted as to how the city will be divided into commissioner districts. The matter is entirely with the city council. There has been one plan suggested that all of the territory south of Grand Avenue be put into a district and all north of Grand Ave. be made two districts with Main Street the dividing line. Another plan is to district the city in the same manner only making Monroe Ave. the north and south dividing line. Still a third plan is to district the city into three districts running north and south, making the population as nearly equal as possible in the three wards.

\$100,000,000 SPENT BY AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR TOYS AND GAMES

More than \$100,000,000 were spent by the American people for toys and games during 1921. The factory value of toys manufactured in this country has more than trebled since the war cut off the supply from Germany, chief source of American toy imports.

The value of toys made here in 1919 was given as \$46,000,000 compared with \$14,000,000 five years previously.

DISTRICT COURT.

District Court will convene in Clovis on January 9th. Many of the cases are non-jury ones and there is not a large docket. Many non-jury cases are now heard by Judge Bratton at other times than regular terms of court and this lightens the work at the regular semi-annual jury session.

HELD WITHOUT BAIL

Lewis Hawes, charged with killing his son, Clint Hawes, and his son's wife, Mrs. Clint Hawes, was denied bond at an examining trial held at Portales Wednesday. Hawes must stay in jail until his trial comes up before district court.

J. C. Floyd returned this week from San Bernardino, Calif., where he spent Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. Harry O. Self.

Cupid Was Busy During Holidays

Cupid was busy during the Christmas holidays. County Clerk Daniel Boone has issued marriage license to the following couples since Dec. 22:

- Dec. 22. Miss Mattie Bell and Lee Beaver.
- Dec. 24. Gordon Gafford and Miss Adrah Richardson.
- Dec. 24. Hale H. Means of Clovis and Miss Pearl Mix of Grier.
- Dec. 24. Bernard Brown and Miss Mamie Della Ross.
- Dec. 24. Geo. Fimple and Miss Nellie Richardson.
- Dec. 28. Miss Lillie May Perry of Abilene, Texas and W. Lander of San Antonio, Texas.
- Dec. 29. Miss Zelma G. Evanson of Kansas City, Mo., and John A. Corman of Roswell, N. M.

KILL KARE CLUB.

The Kill Kare Club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. W. J. Smith. After a short business session, all enjoyed a social hour. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

EVERYBODY INVOICING

Immediately following the Christmas holidays most all Clovis merchants are busy on the job of invoicing, about the most unpleasant task that the store folks have.

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN ACCEPTS INVITATION

The Democratic State Central Committee probably will meet shortly after the first of the year.

Arthur Seligman, of Santa Fe, the chairman, last week announced Cordell Hull, the national chairman, had accepted an invitation to speak before the committee and that he had written members asking them when they preferred to meet. He suggested an early date, but left the time and place to the choice of the members.

Mr. Seligman said the purpose of the meeting was to get the organization under way as early as possible for the coming campaign, and added he believed the committee should get together at an early date, "so we can accomplish valuable educational work during the early spring and summer months."

SANTA FE SHOPS VS. HIGH SCHOOL

The basket ball game between the Santa Fe shops and the High School last Friday night was a very fast and interesting game. The game in the first half was very close, at the end of which the shop team was just two points ahead of the High School. Although the star guard of the high school, Jones, was out of the game, the boys did well, but were outdone by the team work of the shop boys and the game ended 23 to 8 in favor of the shops.

DR. STORK LEAVES NEW MERCHANT IN TOWN

A new merchant made his appearance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Isenberg this week. Dr. Stork left him there about noon Thursday, Dec. 29th. This accounts for the broad smile on the genial face of the young father.

Probe to Be Made Of State Offices

Santa Fe, Dec. 28.—The probe of the auditor's and treasurer's offices at the state house suggested by Governor Mechem, will be made by the Taxpayer's Association according to an announcement made at Santa Fe this week.

The governor has announced, H. J. Hagerman, president of the association, had finally accepted his invitation, but said he did not know what plan he intended to adopt.

The governor believed Mr. Hagerman's first step would be to put accountants in the two offices to join Traveling Auditor Whittier in the examination already begun by him, but what would be done after that, if anything, he did not know.

The invitation to investigate the two offices followed closely on the heels of the closing of the Santa Fe Bank which had \$353,000 state money on deposit. Auditor Safford was party to the request and Treasurer Strong, although not in Santa Fe at the time, later stated his willingness to have his office investigated.

"BO" TO HAVE WEDDING.

Preparations for an elaborate wedding for Bo McMillin, Centre College football star, and Miss Maud Marie Miers, a Fort Worth girl, who will be married at Fort Worth Jan. 2 are being made. Hundreds of friends of the famous Kentucky college star from all over the country will attend the wedding it is said.

MASONS VISIT THE FT. SUMNER LODGE

A number of the local Masons went to Fort Sumner last Thursday night where they visited the Masonic lodge there and assisted the members at that place in putting on work. Those who went from here were: E. R. Hardwick, R. L. Pryor, A. J. Whiting, E. P. Cooley, L. W. Downing, Carl Galloway, J. C. Luikart, W. W. Nichols, Jeff Hightower, and Grant Fuller.

NEED MORE PRODUCE AND MORE POULTRY

T. J. Randol, who lives southeast of Clovis, was in town Thursday of last week and paid the News an appreciated visit. Mr. Randol has lived in Curry County for nineteen years and is a strong booster for this section. He makes good crops and says in his opinion that farming in this section will be a greater success when there is enough produce and poultry sold from the farm to make living expenses, and then the sale of the crops will be all profit.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hall returned Wednesday morning from Amarillo where they attended the funeral of their niece, Miss Mary De Sawyer, who was killed in an automobile accident near Pampa recently. Dr. A. L. Sawyer, brother of Mrs. Hall, was also seriously injured and is now in the hospital at Amarillo in a very critical condition.

HATCH NAMED NEW CHAIRMAN

Executive Committee Follows Wishes of Democratic Candidates and Calls Early Primary Election.

A meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee of Curry County was held last Thursday afternoon at the Court House with county chairman A. W. Hockenull presiding and W. H. Graham of Melrose as secretary. Precinct chairmen from a majority of precincts in the county were present.

Primary Date Set.

The principal business before the meeting was deciding on a date for the primary election. Most all the candidates expressed themselves as favoring an early primary and the committee decided upon Tuesday, April 11th.

New County Chairman.

Carl A. Hatch was named as new county chairman to take the place of A. W. Hockenull. Mr. Hockenull has served the party well and has enlisted the hearty co-operation of the members of the party in all campaigns. Under his leadership a wonderful vote was rolled up at the recent senatorial election. The committee was unanimous in its selection of Mr. Hatch and he will make a worthy chairman for the party in this county. He is an excellent leader and every Democrat in the county will be behind him in the campaign this fall, with the result that Curry County will in all probability poll the largest Democratic vote in her history.

The new chairman was given power to select a committee of three to assist him with the work of handling the county primary. To this committee was left the matter of rules and regulations governing the election, as there is no primary election law in this state.

Mrs. Craig Resigns.

Mrs. M. M. Craig of Texico, who has been chairman of the woman's work in the party during the past year, tendered her resignation and the matter of selecting her successor was deferred until later. Mrs. Craig did excellent work in the campaign last fall.

Nutrition Worker Goes To Childress

Miss Mary Newell, Red Cross nutrition specialist, brought her work to a close and left for Denver the 24th to spend the holidays with relatives. From there she will go to Childress, Texas on a work similar to that done in Clovis.

Miss Newell did a real work in Clovis and if it had only been possible to have retained her services for the rural schools she could have meant a very great deal to Curry County. She performs her work with a consciousness of its dignity and worth and eagerly works for the child's health and development. Miss Newell's going is simply another instance where some other county gains what Curry loses.

The following is a report and summary of her work done during her three months in Clovis:

Work Done in Clovis Schools.

After weighing and measuring the children, about 642 in all, she found that over 50% of them were in the under nourished class, that is, 7% or more under weight.

In the east side school she worked only with those who were 10% or more underweight. The "growth classes" met twice a month, six times in all. In October there were 112 in these classes. They gained altogether 408 pounds. There are now only twenty who are 10% or more under weight. Fifteen have reached their normal weight.

In the west side school there were 119 who were 7% or more underweight. All of these children were organized into growth classes. They

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